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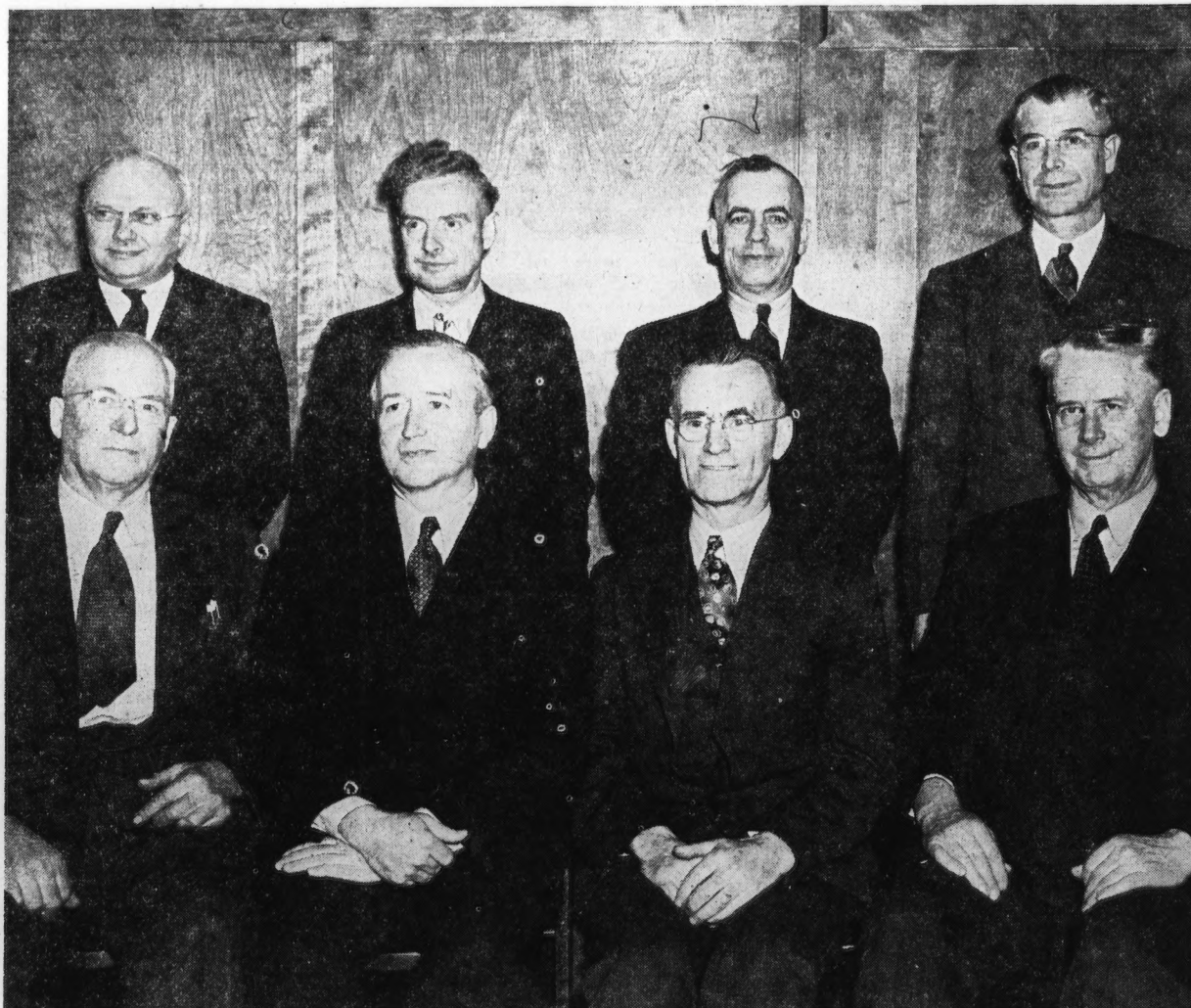
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OFFICERS OF THE DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA FOR 1948



Officers of the Dairy Farmers of Canada for 1948 were elected at a most successful Convention of that organization held in Brockville, Ont., immediately prior to the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, to which decisions were passed on for consideration. A group of officers of the Dairy Farmers is shown above.

Back row (left to right): Roy F. Lick, Oshawa, Sec.-Mgr., Ontario Whole Milk Producers' League; Clarence FitzRandolph, Bridgetown, N.S., Sec., Nova Scotia Farmers' Ass'n; J. E. Lussier, Montreal, Produce Mgr., Co-operative Federée

de Quebec; J. Frank Way, Ingersoll, Ont., President, Ontario Concentrated Milk Producers' Association.

Front row (left to right): Erle Kitchen, Woodstock, Ont., Sec.; J. J. E. McCague, Alliston, Ont., President; Russell Stanley, Edmonton, 2nd Vice-Pres.; A. H. Mercer, Vancouver, Gen. Mgr., Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Ass'n.

Absent: J. I. Ballantyne, Atwood, Ont., 1st Vice-Pres.; Dr. H. C. Bois, Montreal, Gen. Mgr., Co-operative Federée de Quebec (Mgr. Lussier was named alternate for Dr. Bois).

Answering Your Questions ABOUT IMPORT CONTROL

MOST of the countries which are Canada's regular customers have not recovered sufficiently from the war to pay, in the normal way, for all the goods they need, despite extensive help from this and other countries. Nor are they able to send us enough of their goods to balance accounts—or to pay us in the kind of money which we, in Canada, can use to buy goods in other countries.

At the same time, Canada has been buying more goods than ever before from the United States and other countries demanding U.S. dollars. This is because these goods were not obtainable elsewhere and because of demand pent-up during the war.

Buying from the United States or U.S. dollar areas must, therefore, be temporarily reduced until our trading again becomes normal.

To meet this emergency, purchase of goods and services or expenditures for travel, which must be paid for with U.S. dollars, are now subject to control.

IF YOU ARE AN IMPORTER OF CONSUMER GOODS and wish to find out what goods are (1) prohibited, (2) subject to quota, or (3) unaffected by controls, see or write your nearest Collector of Customs and Excise.

IF YOU WISH TO IMPORT GOODS SUBJECT TO QUOTA and wish to establish your quota authorization to import, or need special information, consult your nearest Collector of Customs and Excise. Quota application forms (E.C. 1) and instructions for completing them, are available at all Customs Offices. These applications must be filed with the Collector of Customs and Excise.

IF YOU WISH INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT OF YOUR QUOTA: After your application has been filed with your Collector of Customs and Excise, all correspondence about the establishment of quotas or cases of exceptional hardship through import prohibitions should be directed to Emergency Import Control Division, Department of Finance, 490 Sussex Street, Ottawa. Quotas are issued on a quarterly basis and any unused portion may be carried over into the following quarter.

IF YOU ARE AN IMPORTER OF PRODUCTION PARTS, STRUCTURAL STEEL, stone, machinery or other capital goods or automobiles, and wish to know the import restrictions in these classifications, write or see Emergency Import Control Division (Capital Goods), Department of Reconstruction and Supply, 385 Wellington Street, Ottawa.

IF YOU INTEND TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE CANADA and wish to know about foreign exchange available for this purpose, consult your bank or the Foreign Exchange Control Board in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Windsor, Vancouver. If you wish information about purchases of goods made during travel outside Canada, consult the nearest Collector of Customs and Excise before departure.

IF YOU ARE A MANUFACTURER, WHOLESALER OR RETAILER and wish information about excise taxes, or about the list of goods to which they apply, consult the nearest Collector of Customs and Excise.

IF YOU NEED OTHER SOURCES OF IMPORTS consult the Foreign Trade Service, Department of Trade and Commerce (Import Division), Ottawa, regarding your supply problems arising from import quota restrictions. Through the Trade Commissioner Service, the Import Division is endeavouring to arrange increased supplies from the United Kingdom and other "non-scheduled" countries.

IF YOU ARE A HOUSEWIFE and wish information on available alternate foods which have comparable nutritional values to those now prohibited or subject to quota, informational material which has been prepared by the Nutrition Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare may be secured from your Provincial Health Department or local health unit.

The administration of these emergency import controls is the responsibility of various departments of the Government. The above information is given to aid Canadian citizens in complying with the new import control regulations with a minimum of inconvenience in their business and personal affairs.

Douglas Cooney

Minister of Finance

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FARMERS EAST AND WEST TAKE UNITED ACTION

ANNUAL MEETING OF C.F.A. IS HELD BROCKVILLE, ONT.

Protest Ceilings on Farm Products
Without General Policy
Price Control

PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

"Suicidal to Strive for Low Priced
Food Policy at Expense of
Agriculture"

BROCKVILLE, Ont.—Covering a wide range of problems of the farm people of Canada, taking united action upon many resolutions received from the Provincial Federations, the two hundred or so farmers and farm women who attended the two days of open sessions of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (as well as the members of the Board who spent the greater part of three days in consolidating and polishing resolutions and planning for the year's activities), provided a most effective answer to those who have suggested that farmers of the East and farmers of the West cannot act effectively together.

West's Resolutions Predominate

By far the majority of the resolutions dealt with came from the Western Conference. It is of interest that a resolution which the United Farmers of Alberta had adopted in Edmonton on the subject of price ceilings was passed here with no more than the change of an unimportant word or two, by unanimous vote of the national organization. It read: "That the Canadian Federation of Agriculture protest emphatically against the manifest injustice of the recently announced policy of the Federal Government in singling out major agricultural products for the re-imposition of ceiling prices without the reintroduction of a general policy of price control."

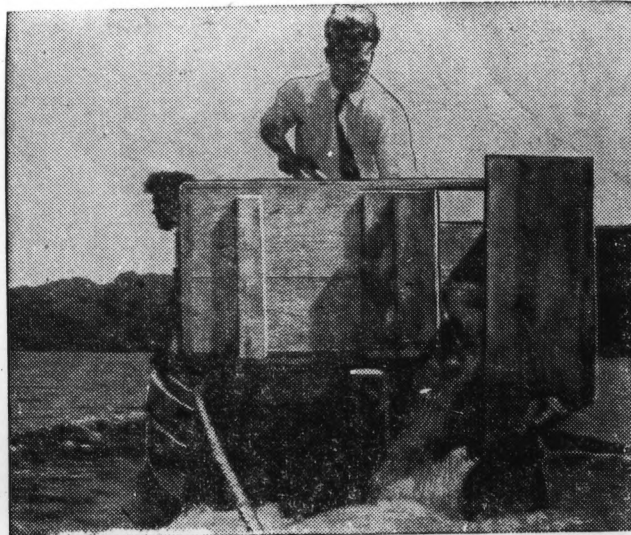
The Convention heard Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner announce that an increase in the initial payment for wheat to \$1.55 was to be expected. He promised early estimates of a ceiling on meat prices based on the higher ceiling prices announced in the contract covering Canadian meat shipments to Britain in 1948. Of the ceiling price on butter he said, "I personally feel that a floor price of 58 cents would have been better, as it then would have sold at approximately 58 cents to the consumer and farmers would be receiving as much as they are now for this item."

Important Addresses

Valuable information concerning agricultural and economic matters was submitted by various speakers—by Dr. MacFarlane of Macdonald College, for example, and by Francis Flood, the Agricultural Attaché from the United States Embassy. Mr. Flood's shrewd observations on U.S.-Canadian relations, on problems of economics and on farm production and the international scene, were all the more effective in that they were presented with a delightful wit that made his address one of the events of the week.

Balance of U.S. Exchange Improves

Fish Farmers Fertilize Inland Sea



Dammed off to make a seawater "tank", Loch Craiglin, Scotland, is the scene of scientific processes for mass production of fish. Fish find their food in the upper layers of water, and by fertilizing the water British scientists found that the growth of fish was speeded up and the quality improved. Above, nitrates and phosphates are being poured into the inland sea, the boat's churning propeller insuring even distribution.

Award Given for Bettering Rural- Urban Relations

CHICAGO, Ill.—Donald M. Nelson, former War Production Board administrator, was the first of nine persons to be awarded certificates of distinction by the American Institute of Co-operation at its recent annual meeting here. The awards were made for outstanding work in developing better working relations between urban and rural groups of the U.S.A.

These and other addresses cannot be given in any detail here, though perhaps some of the main points made by the speakers may be separately reported.

In one resolution adopted the Government of Canada, in fairness to the wheat producers, was asked to instruct the Canadian Wheat Board to maintain the price of wheat sold for domestic consumption not less than that prevailing for wheat sold to the United Kingdom. Approval of the stabilization features of the Canada-U.K. wheat agreement was expressed.

Demand was made for full compensation "to all growers of coarse grains who have suffered loss through having sold their grain during this crop year under the ceilings which have now been removed."

One Agency for All Grains

Amendment of the Wheat Board Act to provide that the Board shall act as the sole marketing agency for all grains was called for, "such legis-

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C.F.A. Officers for 1948

BROCKVILLE, Ont.—All officers of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture were re-elected, at a meeting of the Board of Directors, following the Convention, as follows: President and Managing Director, H. H. Hannam, Ottawa, First Vice-President, W. J. Parker, Winnipeg, Second Vice-President, J. A. Marion, Montreal, Secretary-Treasurer, Colin G. Groff, Ottawa. Alberta members of the Board are Roy C. Marler, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, Edmonton, George E. Church, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, Balzac, Hugh Allen, President of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative, Hualien and Edmonton.

Princess's Food Parcels Go to Needy

The quantity of food sent from Canada and other parts of the world as wedding presents to Princess Elizabeth developed such proportions that schemes for distributing it had to be revised. At the wish of the Princess, it is now being sent, in individual parcels, to needy people (such as all those receiving supplementary relief) throughout the whole of the United Kingdom.

Nine REA co-ops have bought out the Eastern Minnesota Power Company for \$1,500,000.

The International Emergency Food Council has broken its rule against rice shipments to Europe in favor of Britain, and 24,000 tons are being allocated, during this year, to the U.K.

DRAW BACK FROM BRINK DANGEROUS FINANCIAL DITCH

Differences of Opinion Shown re
Question of Lowering Value
of Currency

CANADA AND E.R.P.

Participation in European Recovery
Program Would Help Sustain
Farm Products Prices

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Feb. 4th.—Whatever arguments for and against the measures adopted by the Government to conserve exchange have been advanced during the discussions in Parliament, one thing at least is apparent. The actual balance of American exchange and gold in possession of the Foreign Exchange Control board has improved.

Improvement in January

As the Minister of Finance told the Commons in the final debate before second reading of the bill, the low point was reached on December 17th, when the balance stood at a little below 461 million dollars. By the end of January 53 million had been added. The Minister cautioned that there might be periods when the balance might fall off for a time. A comfortable balance has not yet been gained. It might even be that later on in the year this country might draw on its loan from the export-import bank at Washington.

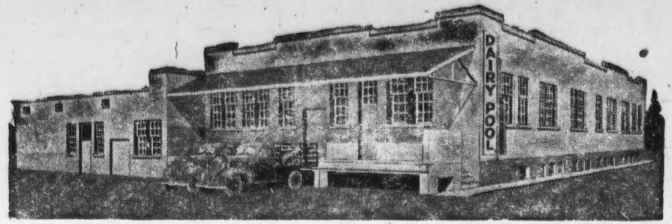
There is nothing in the situation which gives any indication of the prospective duration of the life of the import restrictions, but it shows that the country has, whatever the cost, drawn back from the brink of an extremely unpleasant looking financial ditch and will be able to keep on the highway if all goes well.

"Hardship" Relative Term

Hardship is a relative term, with a wide range of meanings. In the crossfire of debate a decided difference of opinion was voiced on the question of whether or not the value of the currency should be lowered. There was opposition to the excise tax imposed under the restrictive measures. The non-discriminatory nature of the import restrictions was also attacked as not giving sufficient latitude, it was stated, for the expansion of imports from Britain and other Commonwealth countries. These arguments and the answers of the Government in explanation of its position are already well known. On one point, however, there can be no difference of opinion. As far as "hardship" may be used in relation to the actual restriction of consumer goods under this bill the word hardship simply does not apply to Canadians in anything like the same sense as it does to the countries abroad, and this word

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SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



The Case For Butter

(Concluded from Last Issue)

WITH increased consumption came greater efficiency. The small amount of butter manufactured in 1900 came from 1,187 plants scattered over the main and back roads of the country. Today, despite the tremendous increase in production, there are only about 1,200 plants making butter.

The production of butter is but a part of the Four Hundred Million Dollar (\$400,000,000.00) Canadian Dairy Industry—but a very important part. It accounts for the use of the greatest portion of the 17 billion pounds of milk produced on our farms annually. Anywhere from 45 to 50 per cent of all milk produced goes into butter, as compared with 27 per cent in the United States. An even larger percentage of farmers producing milk are interested in butter because practically all dairy farmers, at one time or another during the production season, depend on the creamery for their outlet.

But the importance of butter in the vast Dairy Industry is even greater than the 45 to 50 per cent of all milk which goes into that product would indicate. Most milk is produced in Canada during the late spring, the summer and early fall seasons. In other words, when cows are on pasture and milk production is cheapest. Winter milk means special feeding, special care and higher production costs. But Canadians consume dairy products all the year around, as a matter of fact they use more in winter than during the summer months. Winter production does not commence to meet this demand as far as all dairy products are concerned, therefore, pasture produced milk has to be stored, in some form or another, for the winter period.

Big Job for Consumers

This is where butter enters the picture in a big way. The huge surplus of summer produced milk, which largely goes into butter, is stored in below-freezing storage until the snow covers pastures and current butter made does not meet the demand. Without this huge surplus of summer produced butter held in cold storage, Canadians would be short of butter every winter, would find prices decidedly higher than they are. That is the big job the Butter Industry does for the consumers. For the farmer it provides a known and steady market for huge summer milk surpluses—for the consumer it makes and stores butter when it can be made cheaply, so that they are assured of a steady supply the year round.

The butter industry does something more for the farmer. It provides those dairy farmers away from the large centres of population, and those with only a few cows, with a sure and certain market for their milk. It provides the perfect combination for the more isolated farms—a market for cream with quick returns in cash, and skim milk for the ever-growing hog industry. These are important considerations in any study of the butter situation. Its relation to hogs in particular requires study, for hog raising has become a most important farm operation in Canada and a big factor in our export trade.

It can be said with a great deal of truth that butter and hog raising have made the isolated farm possible in Canada. In a country with huge spaces this is something to consider.

The man who said the butter industry was the Reserve Bank of Canada's agriculture knew what he

was talking about. It gives the dairy farms of Canada financial stability.

Preserving Soil Fertility

There is another phase of the butter industry which might well be noted. That is in relation to the whole milk production program of Canada, and what that means to soil fertility. There is an old saying that the wealth of the world rests in the top few inches of soil. Everyone knows what happens when soil is mined, when crops are taken off without regard to future growth. The land is dotted with abandoned farms, sand where once there was soil capable of producing good crops. A dairy farmer seldom mines his soil because of feed crop and pasture rotation. Milk production provides the means of putting back into the soil much of that which is taken out through cropping.

Butter is prized as a food in Canada, as a spread and in cooking. It is a good food, rich in energy, rich in vitamins and other necessary food values, and its delicious flavor is capable of making all foods more tempting. Canadians use more of it than do the peoples of most countries in the world. Butter is a great industry in Canada, one that has contributed much to the wealth and economic stability of this country.

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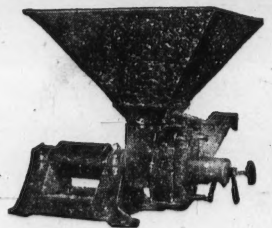
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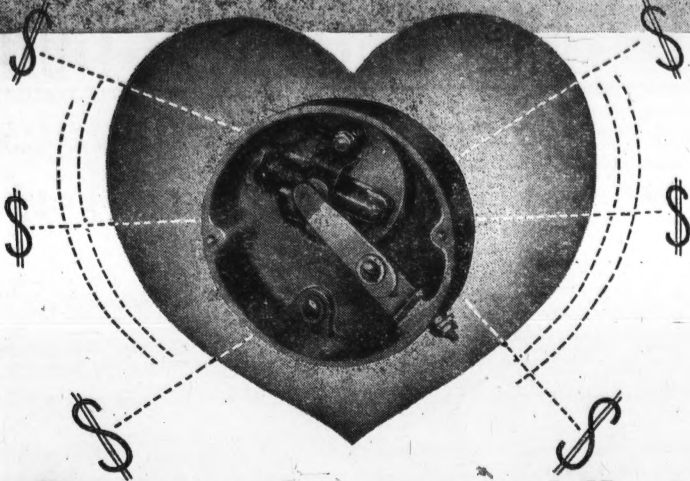
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"Western agriculture will continue to be influenced by the great events and movements in the field of international politics," declared J. E. Brownlee, K.C., Vice-President of United Grain Growers, Ltd., when he addressed last week over 500 farmers and business men attending the annual Agricultural Short Course and Seed Fair, sponsored by the Calgary Board of Trade.

Immediate prospects are good, stated Mr. Brownlee, but because of the uncertainty of international affairs and relationships, it would be difficult for anyone to predict how long present favorable conditions would continue.

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"Vastly Different Position"

Comparing present farm income with the years prior to the war, Mr. Brownlee stated "the farmer today is



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in a vastly different position. Farm indebtedness is at an all time low and the replacement of old equipment and old machinery while not yet overtaken is well on its way."

Adding to the attractiveness of the general farm picture Mr. Brownlee referred to the recent Government announcement that legislation would shortly be introduced to raise the basic price of wheat from \$1.35 per bushel to \$1.55, which will be the initial payment to the farmer for the next two years. Further reserves, continued Mr. Brownlee, would be accumulating with the Canadian Wheat Board, as a result of the price set under the British Wheat Agreement for the coming crop year at \$2.00 per bushel.

An amount estimated to be about two hundred million dollars will soon be distributed by the Canadian Wheat Board as surplus funds arising from the wheat crops of the past three years. The industry is now definitely and solidly established, stated Mr. Brownlee. "Its balance sheet is a healthy one, and whatever may be the impact of world events in the next few years, whatever reverses may come, the industry is well equipped to meet them." In referring to the surplus funds now held and anticipated by farmers, Mr. Brownlee expressed the hope that substantial sums would go to completing the program of machinery and equipment renewal and the improvement of farms and buildings, and above all that funds would be retained in reserves, for use against reverses which must eventually be expected.

"Stabilization Greatest Need"

"Next to the world political problem, I would put the problem of restoring economic and financial conditions in the world that will permit world export trade to function normally," said Mr. Brownlee, adding that "agriculture's greatest need was price stabilization, and methods of marketing its greatest concern." Much had been accomplished by the Geneva trade agreement. However, a major obstacle in reaching accord among nations was to be found in the different ideologies that now prevail in the world. The speaker believed that there is little possibility of Western Europe becoming self-sufficient in food.

"The future of Western Agriculture," said Mr. Brownlee, "depends upon a well ordered world—free not only from war itself, but from the threat of war." He stated, however, it was his "profound belief" that no nation today was ready for war, and while Canada's influence on international events was limited, she could contribute to the prerequisite of a peaceful world by tolerance, goodwill and understanding in her relations with other countries.

—T.F.A.

Recommend Bold Policy of Conservation

Appreciation of the recent setting up of a conservation commission for the Eastern Slope of the Rocky Mountains, is expressed in a resolution from Acadia Federal C.A. which was adopted by the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in Edmonton next week.

The resolution sets forth that the vital necessity of conserving the natural cover in this great area has been urged upon governmental authorities for many years by the U.F.A., and suggests that the Commission:

1. Make an immediate study of scientific forestry, particularly as carried on in Sweden and other European countries.

2. Inaugurate a bold and definite policy with regard to logging operations on these eastern slopes.

3. Provide for greater precautions to be taken against fire by clearing and breaking of wide fire lanes.

4. Strengthen co-operation between Dominion and Provincial authorities in conservation measures.

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Experienced farmers recognize that hope of consolidating the gains already made and winning still higher standards for agriculture lies in the support of co-operative organizations. Young farm people especially should be encouraged to develop and maintain a strong co-operative movement in the community . . . that they too may reap the benefits that result through "working and building together".

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UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Successive annual meetings of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture—not least the meeting which has just been concluded—have revealed a constantly growing sense of fundamental unity of purpose among the farm people of Canada from coast to coast.

Granted that the problems of agriculture in Canada are of great diversity, the sense of unity is not less real on that account.

There is diversity, of course, even in a single Province such as Alberta; but that has not prevented the growth of understanding, on the part of farm people, of one another's problems, and joint action.

From the local to the district and from the district to the Province and from the Province to the Dominion, progress towards essential unity is being made—in spite of some set backs. In the degree in which such progress may continue within Canada—in that degree will Canada's power to contribute to the building up of the farmers' world organization be enhanced.

We have said some of these things before, we know, but they can hardly be said too often.

Through the Canadian Federation, many of the recommendations and protests which originate in our various Provincial bodies, find national expression and support. One among many notable examples is that of the resolution passed unanimously by the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. a few weeks ago, protesting against "the singling out of major agricultural products for the re-imposition of ceiling prices, without reintroduction of a general policy of price control." This resolution the C.F.A. annual meeting adopted, with the change of an unimportant word or two.

CANADIAN APPEAL FOR CHILDREN

The farm people of the West, and in fact the people of every district, urban and rural, of the whole of Canada, will give generous support to the Canadian Appeal for Children, now being launched.

It is only necessary that our people should be reminded of the terrible need of innocent victims of Nazism and of war to ensure a ready and sympathetic response. Every tender feeling of Canadian parents for their own children, every sight of Canadian children, healthy, happy and well cared for, will be a prod to action to all who know of those other children who have been denied their birthright of good food and good care. Every thought of the future of the world, for all children, everywhere, will be a reminder that hunger and misery are poor foundations for peace and security.

The fact that the appeal is launched under the general sponsorship of the United Nations is a guarantee that the fund will be wisely and carefully administered.

BRITISH BLOCK EVACUEES

At the recent Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, delegates gave full support (as they have done on previous occasions) to the appeal of former evacuees from the so-called British Block, for a hearing of their claims for compensation from the Federal treasury, in respect to the lands from which they were evacuated during the war to provide a large area for military experimental purposes.

We are in full agreement with the Convention's recommendation. The resolution which the delegates adopted asks the Dominion Government to

THE LITTLE PEOPLE

*Some comfort lies in this, that while we muse
So sadly on the world's far-flung strife,
Beyond the flaming headlines of the news
Lie happy realms of surging, hopeful life,
Where love still lights brave candles in the dark,
And home still holds the heart at close of day.
So, while on strange new journeys we embark,
Old finger-posts still stand along the way.
Yes, countless men and women still embrace
The course of honest toil and simple joys,
To clothe the spirit in a quiet grace
That no upheaval utterly destroys,
And holding fast, as changes come and go,
They build, perchance, far better than they know.*

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set up a Board of Review of three members, one appointed by the Federation of Agriculture, one by the Government, the third (who would be chairman) to be chosen by the two first mentioned. It is proposed that this Board of Review should hold sittings at Toronto, Medicine Hat and Calgary, to hear complaints and make adjustments with the evacuees, each evacuee to be notified by registered mail in due time, of the day and place of any hearing in which he may be concerned.

The case for the evacuees was very fully and ably presented to the Convention last year by John MacLachlan of Iddesleigh, and all who heard the discussion, we are sure, were convinced of the desirability of opening up the question of compensation, in order that justice may be done to the farm people concerned. Members of the Board of the U.F.A. were assured by governmental authorities that such a course would be taken, but apparently nothing has been done.

There is a very good precedent for such action as the Convention proposed in the resolution adopted last month. It is to be found in action taken by the Government in another field. With a view to righting the wrong done to some people of Japanese origin who were displaced during the war, a Commission has been set up by the Dominion authorities, to hold sittings at several points in Canada and to hear complaints.

The former settlers of the present "British Block" were also displaced in the general interest of the conduct of the war. In their case, of course, no questions of security were involved. Their property was needed, and they were ordered to move. By surrendering their lands and buildings, it was plain to them, they would be making a substantial contribution to the war effort of Canada and her allies. Perhaps if they had not been so desirous as they were to give such assistance as they could, they would have put up a vigorous, organized fight for better terms. The compensation they received was, there is reason to believe, unduly low, quite inadequate especially, for those who were compelled, when no longer young, to start life afresh.

FORMED IN 1909

The year when the two pioneer farm organizations came together to form the United Farmers of Alberta appeared as "1919" instead of the correct date, "1909", in some copies of our last issue. Correction was made in papers which came later off the press.

The error has been rewarding in one respect. It has brought us valued correspondence in reference to the early days of the movement. We may say that it was our good fortune to be present at the historic gathering in 1909.

Poultry Producers Will Re-elected CFA President Meet Feb. 24th

Annual Meeting of the Alberta Poultry Producers Ltd., will be held in Calgary on Tuesday, February 24th.

The copy of his book "Discovery of India" sent by Jawaharlal Nehru, premier of India, as a wedding gift to Prince Philip, was entirely printed and bound in the plant of the Co-operative Wholesale Society in Manchester, England.

C.F.A. CONVENTION (Continued from page 3)

lation to be based upon the principle that the Board shall be an agency operating, primarily, for the benefit, and in the interests of grain producers, that the purpose of such amending legislation shall be to enable the Board to stabilize grain prices, and prevent short-term fluctuations, that it shall be provided, always, that the Board's domestic operating and selling policy shall carry out the spirit and intent of a general agricultural policy, that shall



H. H. HANNAM

effect a proper relation between grain and livestock prices, as determined by the Federal Department of Agriculture in consultation with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Reopening of the U.S. market for Canadian cattle was urged in a resolution which originated in the U.F.A. Convention. (This is quoted in the summary of U.F.A. Convention decisions in this issue.—Editor.)

Internationally Minded

The gathering was internationally minded—recognizing that the Canadian farmers' future depends in large measure upon action upon a world scale. For instance, it was recommended that every effort should be made to achieve an international wheat agreement between the principal importing and exporting countries of the world, which agreement would provide "minimum prices for the protection of producers, as well as maximum prices for the protection of consumers."

The Dominion Government was asked to continue such commodity agreements as those entered into between Governments of Great Britain and Canada, as "these agreements allow Canadian agriculturists to make long term plans for production."

Continuation of freight assistance on feed was recommended "until such time as a permanent national policy for feed grains is developed."

Setting forth that "it is essential that producers' confidence be re-established in the Canadian production program . . . that it is most essential for future dealings in the U.K. market that the current contracts be filled," the gathering requested "that the Dominion Government take immediate steps to stabilize prices of millfeeds and protein concentrates which are factors entering into the cost of livestock production, so as to maintain the relationship between costs and returns which existed when the contracts were negotiated."

Income Tax Problems

Raising of income taxation exemptions to \$1200 for single persons and \$2400 for married persons was asked, and it was recommended that assessment should be made on all income tax returns within a period of twelve months from date of filing.

Increase of old age pensions to \$50 per month was urged.

Appointment of a Board of Review having farmer representation to pass on all cases where farmers "have been taxed on the basis of net worth," was asked.

President Stresses Farmers' View

Pointing out that "Canadian farmers want to produce abundantly" since to do so is their "instinct and tradition," President H. H. Hannam, in his opening address, said that "if distribution is efficient and equitable, maximum output is in the best economic interest of farmers. Abundant production, they realize, is needed desperately from a humanitarian standpoint, it is also the best means of

combating disorder and building for peace, and an excellent means of fighting inflation. . . . This explains in part why our farmers were so upset and discouraged when the Government removed ceilings and subsidies on coarse grains in October without compensatory action. Frustration in the face of the need for food got them down."

The announcement of the new British food contracts, said Mr. Hannam, was welcome news for the farmers and restored a large measure of confidence, also giving them hope for the retention of a stabilization program. Canadian farmers at the moment were planning for full-scale production in 1948 and hoping for the best.

There was uncertainty ahead, however, that gave concern "because of rising prices, rising costs of production, the danger of more and more inflation riding for a fall, and the prospects of a policy to control food prices without control of other prices or of wages. Consumers should ponder the fact that when the general price level is high, low food prices are possible only by discriminating unfairly against food producers, or by having government subsidies."

Mr. Hannam protested against the policy of placing ceilings on food prices when other prices are left uncontrolled. "Any government which in a free democracy permits itself to be pressured into the adoption of such a policy, will and should lose the confidence of the farm people of the nation," he said.

Canadian farmers, he pointed out, are not advocates of high prices. They preferred stabilization at a moderate level. "Since the beginning of the war," he added, "Canada has been good to her consumers. . . . It would be unjust and suicidal in the end from the standpoint of our Canadian economy, to strive for a low priced food policy at the expense of Canadian agriculture."

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C.F.A. Gives Full Support to Dairy Farmers of Canada

By JAMES A. WOOD, President, C.A.D.P.

BROCKVILLE, Ont.—Following very fine discussions, first at the annual meeting of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, and then at the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to whom the resolution was passed on for endorsement, delegates at both gatherings—which I had the pleasure of attending—went on record in the most emphatic terms demanding the continuance of effective measures to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of margarine in Canada.

The Federation also adopted among others, a resolution sent on to them by the Dairy Farmers' gathering, which is a consolidation of many dealing with matters of policy in respect to the dairy industry.

Because I am sure that all members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool will be glad of an opportunity to read these resolutions, and that in fact all readers of *The Western Farm Leader* in any part of the province, will also find them good reading, I am giving them in full below.

Resolution on Margarine

The first resolution, on the subject of margarine, reads as follows:

Whereas the introduction of margarine into Canada would force Canadian dairymen, either directly or indirectly, to compete with the production of edible vegetable oils originating in, and imported from, areas where a very low standard of living exists, thus reducing the income and lowering the standard of living for a

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A Message to Our Egg and Poultry Producers

By THE FIELDMAN

AGRICULTURE Minister Gardiner's announcement concerning the British Egg contract for 1948 has given the Canadian producers a clear picture of what he can expect to receive for his Eggs during 1948. Normally the price drops 8c per dozen as from the 1st of February; this year the drop will be only 3c per dozen, continuing until September 1st when the price will rise 7c per dozen.

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large portion of our total population, and resulting in lessening the demand for the products of industry and labor,

Whereas it is essential to maintain butter prices in right relationship to cost of production in order to maintain farm prosperity and buying power, which in turn creates urban employment, pays urban wages, and raises the urban standard of living,

Therefore be it resolved, that the

Canadian Federation of Agriculture demand the continuance of effective measures to prohibit the importation, manufacture, and sale of margarine in Canada.

Consolidated Resolution on Polley

The resolution on policy which I have referred to was in full as follows:

1. Farmers are entitled to the cost of production, and we ask that the Dominion Government recognize that

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principle in any action it may take determining or affecting prices or returns to dairy farmers.

2. We ask that the Dominion Government do everything within its power to assist dairy farmers to secure the cost of production plus a fair margin, including:

(a) Continuance of the prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of margarine in Canada, in view of the losses which the introduction of a substitute for butter would inflict upon cream producers particularly and also upon other dairy producers.

(b) Enactment of national marketing legislation to supplement provincial marketing legislation.

(c) Investigation of feed costs, and the placing of coarse grains and protein feeds under the wheat board or a similar board.

(d) If price controls are to be imposed on food products of which they are the primary producers, dairy farmers insist that controls be placed on all factors entering into their costs.

(e) Investigation of the cost of supplies used in processing and manufacturing of dairy products, in view of the Government proposal to investigate unjustifiable price increases.

(f) We recommend that a floor price be set on butter.

Alberta delegates to the Dairy Farmers Convention were Messrs. Maddox and Stanley of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, Mr. Bailey of the Milk Producers' organization, Mr. Ottewill of the Alberta Dairymen's association, while the writer had the pleasure and honor of representing the Central Alberta Dairy Pool. There

were more than one hundred delegates from our nine Provinces at this gathering.

President Wood, in a brief letter which accompanied the foregoing, received just before the paper went to press, stated that he will give a more detailed account of his trip on his return to Alberta later this month.

Proper Care of Land Emphasized at Dairy Farmers Convention

Manager of Milk Foundation Addresses Annual Banquet of National Organization

By ANDREW HEBB

BROCKVILLE, Ont.—"Land neglected dies, and people die with it," E. H. Clarke, Aurora, Ontario, secretary-manager of the Milk Foundation, said at the annual banquet of the Dairy Farmers of Canada here on January 22nd.

President J. J. E. McCague, Alliston, president, and Vice-President, John I. Ballantyne, Atwood, Ontario, introduced the guests.

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"A hundred years ago my grandfather cut down the forest in Lambton county," said Mr. Clarke. "It had taken nature hundreds of thousands of years to build up that soil. In the last 100 years, or 200 years, we have done a good job of using up the humus. 'I wonder sometimes if milk is what it is supposed to be—or does it come off depleted land,' said Mr. Clarke. 'If we don't look after land, land won't look after us.'

"An organization like this should see that very thorough investigation is made of whether milk has in it what it should have in it. I doubt if it has, if it doesn't come from land that is properly taken care of."

What Is Reasonable Price?

"Mr. Abbott speaks of a just and reasonable price. What is a just and reasonable price? I think that milk producers have the right idea when they ask for cost of production. Price must be as low as possible, consistent with cost, so that consumption may be as great as possible.

"A Toronto butcher said the other day that he used to get a margin of 23 cents a pound on bacon, but now he got only 16 cents for handling over a pound of bacon. I think it is three and a half cents for handling a quart of milk."

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Special articles included in the 1947 *Canada Year Book* deal with Canadian Citizenship, UNESCO, Welfare and Family Allowances, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency, National Agricultural Program, Canadian Wheat Board Operations, FAO, Irrigation in Western Canada, and other subjects. The book also includes, of course, the usual complete and authoritative statistical and other information on all important phases of Canadian life. Copies can be secured from the King's Printer, Ottawa, at \$2 each, and teachers, university students and ministers of religion may obtain paper-bound copies at \$1 each by applying to the Dominion Statistician, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

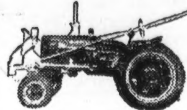
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Jan. 22nd.—Britain is eager to co-operate with Russia, says Bevin, but charges Russia is making drive to dominate Europe. Canadian military establishments have been closed to Russian observers, Ottawa declares, because similar privileges have been denied Canadian representatives in Russia. Documents captured in Germany, now made public by U.S. State Secretary Marshall, show aid given by Russia under Russo-German pact of 1939 included substantial quantities of materials and help in securing the neutrality of Turkey, but that Russia's terms for full alliance with division of power and territory were too stiff for Hitler.

Jan. 23rd.—Canada, Latin America, will be asked to sell about 22 per cent of their food exports to Western Europe in first 15 months of Marshall plan, is Washington report. Quietest day since UN partition vote is reported from Palestine: unofficial count of deaths by violence; since November 29th, is 956.

Jan. 21th.—Mountbatten to quit as governor-general of India in June, reported from New Delhi.

Jan. 25th.—Devaluation of French franc announced: action taken in face of British and International Monetary Fund objections will raise value of dollar in France; is concession to hoarders and black marketeers.

Jan. 26th.—Premier Sofoulis of Greece asks U.S. for another 500 guns for use against guerrillas. Russian newspapermen on tour of U.S. zone of Germany refused entry to D.P. camps. Britain will not devalue pound, in spite of French action, states Cripps.

Jan. 27th.—Russia is now ready to take action on Austrian peace treaty, state Vienna despatch. Finance commission of French assembly turns down government's bill to establish free market in gold; Bidault says co-operation with British government being "fully maintained". Newfoundland national convention votes against plebiscite on confederation with Canada. India-Pakistan talks on Kashmir fail, problem turned back to UN security council.

Jan. 28th.—Socialists will support French government's gold bill, announced in Paris. Philippines delegate to UN Palestine commission urges "big power" military organization to enforce UN decisions. Moscow protests against U.S. reopening of air base in North Africa. Labor loses by-election in Glasgow, first since present British Government took office in 1945.

Jan. 29th.—Canadian troops at Hong Kong in 1941 were "inadequately trained for modern war", says London War Office report. Plans for a private enterprise reconstruction scheme are being made by European financiers and industrialists, is reported from Zurich. U.S. bars sale of American-prepared reports on German war secrets and technique to Russia. British Trades Union Congress demands conference be called by World Federation of Trade Unions to discuss co-operation with Marshall Plan. Pranda opposes federation of Balkan states, proposed by Bulgarian premier Dimitrov.

Jan. 30th.—Gandhi assassinated by Hindu fanatic, in New Delhi, looting and arson break out in Bombay, Nehru proclaims day of fasting and prayer. Einstein says world government only alternative to total destruction. U.S. will cancel passports of citizens found fighting in Palestine.

Acute meat shortage in U.S. necessitates consideration of rationing and price controls, says Truman.

Jan. 31st.—Gandhi's body cremated, as Indian throngs mourn; Hindu, Moslem, Christian hymns chanted; tributes to dead leader paid in all parts of world. UN Palestine commission will assist, at once, in organization of Jewish-controlled militia, to back up partition plan. U.S. cut of 18 1/2 per cent of oil and gasoline exports will not affect Canada, Ottawa official states. Dissatisfaction over magnitude of powers wielded by MacArthur in Japan is voiced by Russia.

Feb. 1st.—Hindu extremists' plot to assassinate Nehru and other leaders of Congress party, is disclosed at New Delhi: Russian budget cuts military expenditures by about four per cent.

Feb. 2nd.—U.S. State Department rejects Moscow protest against visit of American warships to Italian ports,

says permission of Italian Government secured in advance.

Feb. 3rd.—Russian note to Iran demands cessation American military activities in that country. U.S. will sell to Russia 87 of 95 ships supplied under Lend-Lease, according to Washington despatch. U.S. proposal for meeting of Big Four deputies to consider withdrawal Russian occupation forces from Austria, reported from Washington. Nearly 3,000,000 on hunger strike in Hamburg. Church administration headed by Rev. Martin Niemoller urges resistance to denazification measures in Hesse, Germany.

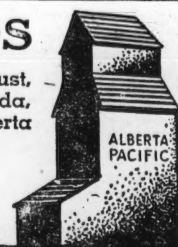
Feb. 4th.—Eire votes in general election after hottest contest in 20 years, result will be known by weekend. Moscow states will bring Hartley-Taft labor law of U.S. to notice of United Nations committee, on ground that it means forced labor.

Former Vice-Premier Francisque Gay has been appointed French ambassador to Canada.

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C.C.I.L. Annual Meeting Will Be Held in Saskatoon March 22nd and 23rd

Plant of Canadian Co-operative Implements, Ltd., owned by farmer shareholders, is now the largest manufacturing machine plant in Winnipeg, W. J. Harper, director of the company for Southern Alberta, reported to a meeting of the Board of C.C.I.L. for the Calgary district held in the U.F.A. Building last week. An addition has recently been made to the plant (at Elmwood, Winnipeg), and an office building has also been erected.

Mr. Harper announced that the annual meeting of the farmer owned company will be held in the Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, on Monday and Tuesday, March 22nd and 23rd. Delegates from Alberta will be Joseph Schmalz of Beiseker, Ray W. Wood of Carstairs, Eric Shore, manager of the U.F.A. store in Calgary, is secretary for the Calgary District.

Output Comparisons

Figures showing the output of various types of implements from the Elmwood plant in 1947 as compared with the planned output for 1948 are given below, the figures for 1948 being in each instance in parentheses. Where the figures for this year are lower than those for 1947, this is due to the fact that in 1947 the plant manufactured for various well-known dealers in addition to the C.C.I.L. membership, whereas this year only members will be supplied.

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At Edmonton, the two warehouses—U.S. army surplus buildings—each 60 by 100 feet (one to be used at present) have been acquired with the 10 acres of land at the site. As announced elsewhere, the Edmonton warehouse opened this week.

Mr. Bowcott, former sales manager of the company, is now general manager.

Seed Growers Will Meet in Vancouver in June

Annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association will be held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., from June 23rd to 25th inclusive. A very large attendance from both the West and the East is anticipated at this important gathering.

Stock Growers' President

C. H. McKinnon of Dalemead was elected president of the Western Stock Growers' Association at the recent annual meeting, first vice-president being R. H. Mitchell of Pincher Creek, second vice-president Max Bradshaw of Mountain View. George H. Ross of Aden and F. E. M. Robinson of Pincher Creek were named to the Beef Council. Kenneth R. Coppock of Calgary is secretary-treasurer.

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Sending of food parcels overseas, and contributing to local activities for children, to the park and cemetery funds, and to the Memorial Library, have been among the past year's activities of Warner U.F.W.A. A plaque, in memory of the old timers, is being placed in the library.

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Dear Farm Women:

As I told you in my last letter, I was enjoying a visit to the city in the Christmas season. And of course to a country woman there is much to see—the "blue rinses" which are not an accident as I at first thought, the hobble skirts again in the windows. And we have just got over being so superior to our foolishness in wearing them some years ago. Like most other country women, I did a lot of window shopping and of seeing any new sights.

Alberta Not Left Behind

I was in Saskatchewan, but I said I did not leave Alberta behind. The first morning I went down town I alighted from a street car in front of a window of books and the first thing I saw were two by Alberta people. Another day I went to the Art Centre to see what was on exhibit there at this particular time. They informed me the exhibit was by three Alberta artists from Calgary—Helen Stadelbauer, I. Stadelbauer and Janet Mitchell.

It made me think we were growing up. In the very early years of the settlement of a new country, people are taken up with the necessity of getting food and clothing and getting adjusted. Then it rather seems to me there is a stage when those who grew up in that atmosphere have not as many interests, they are self-absorbed. Then later the desire to interpret themselves to others begins to express itself.

And we need it. Only last night I had a letter from a friend who has never been in the West and has few contacts with it. She said: "I would like very much to see the West, no doubt it is very different from what I imagine it."

And I think perhaps we ourselves need to have other than our own parts interpreted to us, for there are many types. There is, for instance, the prairie country of Mitchell's *Who Has Seen the Wind*. There is the rolling prairie country of McCourt's *Music at the Close*, and there is the bush country of the north of Christeen Van der Mark's recent novel, *In Due Season*. All the West with some of its common characteristics, some of its common problems, yet all different.

Canada's Far North

Probably not many of us have seen so much of the far north as has Christeen Van der Mark of Calgary, who lived for a time in that north country, who was extremely interested in it and who interprets it to us with the problems it presents in the novel I have mentioned.

The country she writes about has some settlers from the South but also French, Indians and half-breeds. The names Freddy Two-Knives, Frank Pretty Nice Man, Bill Many Dogs, are not the names of the immediate neighbors of many of us. Our problem is not the racial one she presents. It would widen our knowledge of our West if we were to read this very readable story, presented in such a way that one is interested in what seems a realistic picture. It is published by the Oxford University Press, Toronto, price \$2.50.

To me, the author was not particularly fortunate in the publisher's dust-jacket, that was not the face of the heroine she pictures, I thought. But that is only the cover, and this first novel certainly gives promise. Alberta can be proud of her interpreters of the West.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Lowest Infant Mortality in Britain's History

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Beddington U.F.W.A. had a very successful year in 1947, writes Mrs. Jack Evans, secretary; a very substantial cash balance was on hand, after many contributions to various charities. During the war, it was decided to hold joint meetings with the local Ladies' Aid, and this plan worked so well that it has been continued. In the fall, a joint bazaar and concert cleared \$311.31 for the two organizations. The bulletins, writes Mrs. Evans, are very much enjoyed, and always create a good discussion.

The benefit dance recently held by Berrywater U. F. W. A. (Vulcan) brought in \$78.

ALBERTA POETRY YEAR BOOK

Copies of "The Alberta Poetry Year Book," recently reviewed in these columns, may be obtained from Mrs. R. Shaw, 117 Maclean Block, Edmonton, price 50 cents.

Convention reports were made to the last meeting of Stony Plain U.F.W.A. by Mrs. W. Fuhr and Mrs. C. Fuhr.

A shirt top is being passed around among members by Loyalty U.F.W.A. (Huxley), to become a "money-patched shirt" by the end of the year.

Mrs. D. Smith, U.F.W.A. Director for Athabasca, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Sunnibend U.F.W.A. (Pibroch).

Delia U.F.W.A. cleared \$100 from a dance in the fall, and has since held two whist drives. Donations were made to the Crippled Children's Fund, the Cancer Fund, the Salvation Army and the local cemetery fund.

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Wholewheat Biscuits: Cream 1 scant cup dripping with 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. soda dissolved in a little boiling water, salt, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg, 2 cups whole wheat flour; drop in teaspoonsful on cold sheet, bake in moderate oven.

Vegetable Curry: Cook 1 cup rice in 2 quarts boiling water and 1 tbs. salt, drain and rinse, stand over steam; cook 1 cup each diced onion and carrot in a little water, and add 1 cup canned peas; to the liquid from the vegetables add 4 tbs. fat, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. curry powder, 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce. Make a ring of the cooked rice on a hot platter and pile the vegetables in the centre, pour liquid mixture over and garnish with sliced hardboiled eggs.

Candy and Cavities: Go easy on candy and soft drinks if you want to stay out of the dentist's chair, say authorities in Canada's public health services, particularly if you're a 'teen-ager. And, they say, those between-meal extras won't do anything for your skin or your figure, either.

Dry Land Gardening: is the subject of Publication 619, of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, a short bulletin with a wealth of suggestions for those gardeners living where periodic "dry spells" occur. Copies can be secured from Experimental Stations or from the Publicity and Extension Division of the Department at Ottawa.

Fort Saskatchewan U.F.W.A. recently voted \$25 to the care of the local cemetery. Funds are being raised by raffle of a fruit cake donated by Mrs. I. Jenkins, and by several members who are holding card parties.

A poem by Barbara Villey Cormack and also other U.F.W.A. items on page 16.

Little Folks' Puzzle



This little boy has been to school long enough to print his name. He says that his name

rhymes with tall and has the same number of letters. If you would like to see what letter he is printing, join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot 1 and ending with dot 17. Color the picture with your crayons.

Form New Junior Locals, Edmonton District

A series of successful meetings in the Edmonton area, held recently under the auspices of the Educational Department of U.F.A. Central Co-op, Calgary, saw the formation of two new Junior U.F.A. locals at Warburg and Breton. Meetings were held at Sanguo, Rochfort Bridge, Mayarthorpe, Onoway, Marianne, Conjuring Lake,

Warburg, Breton and Telfordville. Attendance was remarkably good at each meeting.

Sound motion pictures featuring a Co-op film, Farm Electrification, short subjects and comedies formed part of the program. Speakers included Mrs. Wm. Schroter, Bremner, U.F.W.A. Director, Orrin Hart, Claresholm, President Jr U.F.A., and Lawrence Proudfoot, Assistant Educational Director of U.F.A. Co-op.

Officers of Locals

Executive members of the new Junior Local at Warburg are: President, John Weigton, Vice-President, Ed Kristel, Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Cholach, Supervisor, Ed Hall, Executive members at Breton are:

(Continued on page 16)

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Agricultural and Co-operative groups are solidly behind the CANADIAN APPEAL FOR CHILDREN. Consult with your local organizations as to the best way to make *your* contribution.

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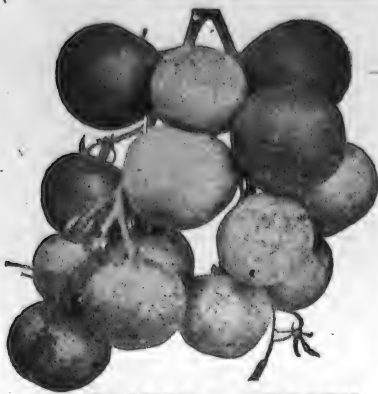
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World Food Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
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Unless an exceptionally large grain crop is harvested throughout the world in 1948, the food shortage is likely to continue into 1949. This is the third post-war winter of widespread hunger, and in some countries it will be the worst of the three. While there are complaints of the high cost of food in North America, there is at least the assurance of abundance, which is not the case in Europe and in Asia. In Canada and the United States did not export very large quantities of food, prices on the domestic market would probably be quite low, but the governments of both countries are determined to do all in their power to avert famine conditions elsewhere, and particularly in Europe.

The prosperous conditions now prevailing in Canada and the United States actually result in a greater consumption of food than ever before. The most economical method of using food is to eat more cereals and less meat products. It takes five pounds of grain to make one pound of pork. But people used to abundance like to eat plenty of meat when they have the money so to do. Heavy buying of meat eats into supplies of grain available for export.

Wheat and Rye Basic Foods

In Europe wheat and rye are basic foods, while potatoes and vegetables are a close second. Before World War 2 cereals, potatoes and other starchy foods provided from one-third to one-half of the calories eaten, even in advanced countries. In some of the poorer countries, the people got from one-half to two-thirds of their calories from these foods. Now such foods will bulk even larger in diet.

Many grain importing nations have tightened their controls over grain.

The Dairy Market

All prices are at the ceilings, all across Canada, in Alberta, butter still stands at 67 cents (wholesale). Locally, special grade cream is 69 cents, less 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent per pound for train cream (maximum for transportation, 30 cents).

Ask Legislation to Check Water Erosion

Legislatures of Alberta and British Columbia will be petitioned, as a result of a decision made by the recent U.F.A. Convention, "to enact legislation to save this country from grave deterioration by wind and water erosion."

As a means of implementing this legislation, it was suggested that "no brush cover be removed without a permit, such permit, specifying the area to be cleared, shall be issued on recommendation of a committee comprising the district agriculturist, two members of the Agricultural Service Board or similar body the farmer concerned, and one other appointed by the farmer concerned."

We plan to resume publication of E. S. Russenholz's "Blueprint of Destiny" soon.

A markedly favorable effect on the production of malt beverages in 1947, by the exclusive use of Canadian malt made from Western and Ontario barley, was reported at the recent annual meeting of John Labatt, Limited.

They have speeded up farm deliveries, restricted black markets and cut down on grain fed to livestock. With food supplies sharply reduced, Europe's livestock numbers are sure to decline this year.

In 1947 the people of Italy, Austria and Germany had only 1,950 calories a day, in Greece 2,100, and in France 2,200. The urban people of Europe as a whole are eating almost one-fifth less than pre-war.

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS Feb. 2nd. — Trading was active throughout the past week with moderate receipts and fully steady prices. Choice steers brought \$15.50 to \$16 down to \$13 for medium and \$9 for common. Choice heifers, \$14 to \$14.50 down to \$8.50 for common. Good light cows sold \$10 to \$10.75, good heavy cows \$9.50 to \$10.25. Canners and cutters \$4.50 to \$7.50. Grade A hogs for shipment brought \$28, at plants \$27. Good to choice handy-weight lambs \$14.50 to \$15.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Feb. 3rd. — Hogs are \$27.15 Grade A, sows, \$14.25 for past week sold today at \$13.50 alive. Good lambs brought \$15 to \$16, very few offered. Good to choice steers \$15 to \$16 down to \$12 for common. Good to choice heifers \$14 to \$15 down to \$10.50 for common. Good cows \$10.75 to \$11.25 down to \$8.50 for common. Canners and cutters \$5.50 to \$8. Good bulls \$10 to \$10.50 down to \$8.50 for common. Good to choice veal calves \$13.50 to \$14 down to \$10 for common. Good steerer and feeder steers \$12 to \$13.

Successful Short Course in Calgary

Several hundred farmers heard the series of lectures by experts and scientists, in the agricultural Short Course sponsored by the Calgary Board of Trade last week.

While the subjects were principally technical, they were not exclusively so: Dr. R. D. Sinclair, of Alberta University, in the opening address on "Agriculture in a Changing World" dealt with the need for a balanced and adequate diet for all nations, and the work of the FAO, as well as the effects of mechanization on farming in this country.

Farm Safety Program

A "Farm Safety Program", arranged by district agriculturist Graham Anderson, included a short lecture on the tractor, "a deadly weapon in the hands of careless operators," and a spectacular fire fighting demonstration. The tremendous losses from smut, due to failure to treat seed wheat were discussed by Dr. F. J. Creaney, of the Line Elevators Farm Service, who also gave a review of the seed stocks situation. H. E. Wood, chairman of the Manitoba Weed Commission, gave a lecture on developments in chemical weed control, describing 2, 4-D as a most effective weed killer for most weeds, with annuals in general somewhat more susceptible to its effects than perennials, weather, and stage of growth, were important factors in success in chemical weed warfare.

The insidious inroads of water erosion on the farm lands of central and southern Alberta were discussed by H. J. Mather, of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, and Dr. A. G. McCalla, of Alberta University, described some new developments in field crops.

Angus McKinnon and Howard P. Wright were chairmen.

A Beekeepers' Short Course, and a special short course for farm women, were carried on in conjunction with the main course.

Manager Lacombe Station

The manager of the new CBC 50,000-watt station, CBX, at Lacombe, is Dan E. Cameron, formerly talks producer at Winnipeg.

Application to purchase the nine buildings and other improvements at the former prisoner of war camp at Lethbridge has been made by Lethbridge Co-operative Packers, Ltd.

Senator H. Cabot Lodge declared this week in Washington that the St. Lawrence Seaway project is "licked".



EXTRACTS from annual report of U.F.A. Co-operative:

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WHAT U.F.A. CONVENTION DID

Several of the major features of the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta were described at length in our last issue. Many other important decisions were reached on matters of organization, provincial and national policy, and much information was given by guest speakers on matters of concern to the farm people as producers and as citizens. The chair was taken during the course of the proceedings by President Church and his assistants, Andrew Wood, Jack Sutherland and Jonathan Wheatley, who presided with efficiency and urbanity and impartiality. The Convention:

Higher School Grants Sought

Urged the Alberta Government to assume a still greater proportion of the cost of education, by materially increasing school grants. It was pointed out that taxation on land and homes has "reached a dangerous level".

Requested Provincial Government to bring in dairy heifer calves from British Columbia or "some other equally reliable source", to be sold at cost to any bona fide farmer in this Province with a view to improving dairy herds.

Protest One-Sided Price Control

Protested "most emphatically" in a wire to Prime Minister King, "the injustice of the recent announcement of the Government, singling out major agricultural products for the reimposition of ceiling prices without reintroduction of a general policy of price control." (Copies sent to Finance Minister Abbott and to Canadian Federation of Agriculture, which as announced elsewhere, endorsed and supported this protest last week.)

"Demanded" that the Government at Edmonton "revise their car insurance policy, charging a reasonable flat rate to everyone sufficient to give full coverage."

Requested legislation making daylight saving time illegal, and asking further, "that a time zone in Alberta be outlined, so that at the centre of it 12 o'clock noon divides the daylight equally between forenoon and afternoon."

Asked that lectures on sex hygiene be given in grades to students at suitable age, specially trained teachers to be the lecturers.

Sought completion of inspection work in 1943 for setting up of T.B.-Free Area North of Red Deer.

Called for early letting of contract for Red Deer River diversion scheme, and full co-operation of Provincial Government with Dominion in this matter.

Urged continuance C.F.A. efforts to open U.S. market for cattle, and that the Dominion Government export a limited number to maintain the connection, any surplus to be used in interests of beef cattle industry.

(Other important Convention decisions in next issue.)

Save Effort in Routine Farm Jobs, Is Advice

Labor required to produce field crops has dropped by 20 to 40 per cent in the last twenty years, writes Dr. F. J. Greaney, in a bulletin from the Line Elevators Farm Service. Labor requirements of most livestock enterprises, however, show no such reduction, and Dr. Greaney suggests that the countless day-to-day tasks involved in the production of milk, hogs and poultry should be subject to the systematic application of ingenuity and commonsense in order to search out the easiest, most effective and most economical routines and techniques. Arrangements should be made to save stooping, lifting and carrying, and to reduce walking, etc. Among other suggestions are the use of labor-saving machines, relocating of supplies and equipment for greater convenience, scheduling certain jobs for slack seasons.

Correspondence

Busby, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

In your issue of Jan 23rd, on page 4, I read—"the only surviving member, so far as we know, of the Canadian Society of Equity".

In this district the Society was organized by R. C. Owens, who I am sure Mr. W. R. Ball remembers, and there are several persons still living who were members of the old Independence branch of the Canadian Society of Equity.

I have no intention to detract from Mr. Ball's long connection with organized farmer movements.

Trusting that this information is of use to you, I remain,

Yours truly,

O. W. ELLIOTT.

We are glad to publish Mr. Elliott's letter, and to know that there are several members of the old Independence branch of the Canadian Society of Equity living. We remember Mr. Owens very well indeed. He was quite an old man when we first met him, but for years afterwards he continued to speak and to write effectively. He combined great kindness and geniality with something of the quality of fervor and zeal in advocacy of social justice one associates with the Hebrew prophets. He gave to the movement he did so much to create, great and disinterested service.—Editor.

Bussey Barley Champion

Provincial barley champion is J. W. Bussey, Airdrie, winner of \$560 in the 1947 contest of the National Barley Contest, sponsored by the brewing and malting industries. The other Alberta winners are A. Henry, Legal, J. E. Valli, Sylvan Lake, and J. Dobinson, Clive. These four Alberta men will compete with Provincial winners from Manitoba and Saskatchewan for the national prizes, first prize being \$1,000. Prize money taken

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

C.F.A. Annual Meeting.—The Ontario city of Brockville, during the week of January 26th to 30th, was the scene of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Two days were set aside for public meetings at which local farmers were invited to attend. Its interest was such that after the first half of the day the gathering had to move to a theatre to handle the crowd. The remainder of the Convention was confined to Directors from the Provincial Federations and other National organizations that go to make up the National body.

It was of particular interest to note the wide representation of the press that attended the open sessions and it was of still more significance that the reporters present were men of considerable note in their particular fields. This goes to show the importance of our national farm organization in its relationship to the general economy of Canada as a whole.

The official delegates from Alberta included Roy C. Marler, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, George E. Church, Vice-President of the A.F.A. and President of the U.F.A., Hugh W. Allen, President of the A.L.C. and J. J. MacLellan, Director of the U.G.G. Mrs. Winifred Ross was also in attendance and took a particularly active part in the convention in relation to problems affecting health, education and the home.

Other Albertans in attendance included Directors from the Wheat Pool, Dairy Pools, U.F.A. Co-op and Alberta Co-op Wholesale.

by the four district champions named above, and by other Alberta contestants, totalled \$4,195.

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AFTERMATH

By BARBARA VILLY CORMACK

She came back from convention full of dreams—
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To put in practice all the fine array
Of energetic plans and high ideals
That seemed, right then, so easy to achieve.
She chattered gaily on that first home meal,
Telling of all she'd seen, and all she'd do...
Forums to organize, and books to read...
Rooms to remodel, neighbors to enthuse...
She'd start at once...and then the baby cried,
And, rushing up, she pushed aside the thought.
Later an ailing neighbor called her help...
Then she was busy with the brushing crew...
She planned a forum meeting, and it stormed...
Blizzards—no road—and nobody could come...
She turned to problems international,
Got out her pamphlets, and the reading list...
But these proved stiff, and from the maze of words
She was hauled off to help in loading hogs...

In desperation she threw up her hands.
That feeble smothering spark was almost out.
What use to try? Easy enough to talk
In lecture room and hall, of brave new worlds...
But here, and now—with million things to do...

But since she still was young, and life went on,
That wayward glimmer kept itself alight...
She tried new recipes—they tasted grand...
Re-read a pamphlet—this time it made sense,
And for the problems international,
What of the Polish couple down the road?
Could she not help in concrete friendly way,
Cement relationships, and make a friend?

She thought of her report, and started work,
Prepared a part with paring knife in hand,
And part upon her knees, with scrubbing brush,
Practised delivery on milking stool,
Till even placid Boss looked round inspired!

And so the flickering gleam appeared again,
To pierce through doubt and drudgery and toil,
Steady and glowing—in its own small way
Still strong enough to help light up the world.

NEW JUNIOR LOCALS

(Continued from page 13)

President, Alice McNeill, Vice-President, Wayne Carson, Secretary-Treasurer, Jessie McNeill, Supervisor, Chas. King.

The meetings are designed to promote rural education. Many expressed appreciation to the speakers, and also of the excellent film service.

Red Cross Objective

The national objective for the annual finance campaign of the Canadian Red Cross Society, to be held in March, will be \$3,000,000. Alberta's objective has been set at \$150,000.

Gleichen U.F.W.A. at their last meeting made plans to serve lunch at the U.F.A. dance planned for tonight (February 6th).

Keoma U.F.W.A. are planning an Easter Tea, complete with bazaar, white elephant, fish pond, bingo, and cards.

Strathmore U.F.W.A. at their last meeting made plans to serve lunch at the annual U.F.A. dance on February 6th.

Eighty-six quarts of fruit and vegetables were sent to the Red Cross children's hospital from Makepeace-Crowfoot U.F.W.A.

During the winter Horn Hill U.F.W.A. (Red Deer) are sending food parcels to Britain in good number, reports Mrs. J. P. McKinnon. Plans have been made for an amateur contest and dance for Feb. 13th.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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When we asked Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, how old she really was, she replied: "I was born in the year of Our Lord only knows," and then she laughed and laughed and laughed until she giggled.

EXPERT ADVICE

"Curtains may be used to exclude an unpleasant view, to soften and diffuse light, or to frame an attractive outlook."—From "The Principles of Window Curtaining", issued by the U.S. Bureau of Home Economics. That's O.K. by us, but we wonder what mother imagined curtains could be used for before the experts thought that one up.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH:

Democracy in Canada will only flourish like a green bay tree when Parliament and Provincial legislatures delegate fewer of their powers and spend more time dealing carefully and explicitly with each new national and provincial problem as it arises.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J.E.F., Edmonton, challenges us to give our idea of what a C.C.F. government would be like. Mustard and Cress is not a political column, but we can't turn down a challenge. So here goes as to what it should be—really what every government should be. In our opinion a C.C.F. Government or, for that matter, any Government should be a representative government that would provide a system

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NO DOG HOUSES EVEN

Our sympathies are with the "dog in the manger". That's about the only accommodation he can rent these days.

TO——

*The vision of young love to me you bring,
Of all I might have had and might have been,
Of chances lost, of blunders unforeseen,
Of the enchantment of a bygone spring.
These climbing slopes of years whereon I cling
Hold threats of snows above the rocks between
For me, whose heart is in the valleys green,
And cloudy looms the end of everything.*

*So stand, that I may look in your clear eyes,
And I may see a shaft of shining gold
Far down behind me falling slantingwise
Across the gentle woods I loved of old;
You turn away, the shadows downward glide,
And leave me on the barren mountain-side.
—Brian Godfrey.*

Having read a lot of Norman Jacques' writings concerning Jews, this column, has come to the conclusion that he sees things not as they are but as he is.

MILK O, MILK O!

City folks are people who are willing to pay extra for the privilege of not keeping a cow.

A THOUGHT

*If life demands so many things
Then what is duty's call?
'Mong peasants, poets, painters, kings,
Whatever may befall,
If ev'ry man
Make this his plan,
"I'll do the very best I can,"
He then will do them all.*

Wally, our incurable bach., declares that a guy who has loved and lost doesn't know how much he has gained.

Chuck of Chuckawalla, who took Mary of Carbon to a New Year's shindig, says she's the kind of gal who has what it takes to take what you have.

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Announcement of the acquirement of the property was made by William Hawrelak, Vice-President of the company for Alberta, in an address to the recent Annual Convention of the

U.F.A. He announced that a membership drive would accompany sales of machinery, which is supplied by the Cockshutt Implement Company, on contract, and bears the co-operative label. Included are combines, swathers and tractors.

OTTAWA LETTER

(Continued from page 3)

might well be dispensed with by us so far as we ourselves are concerned.

Recovery Program and Prices

It is to be hoped that harvests in Britain and European countries during the coming season will not suffer from the handicaps through frosts and floods of last season. If sowing conditions are more normal and growing weather more favorable, it will give new heart to the people of Europe and help them in their struggle towards economic recovery. Good harvests might unquestionably have an effect on general agricultural prices but they cannot in any material measure decrease the need of aid through the European Recovery Program.

If Canada is called upon to take part in the plan the demand will prevent any price decreases in this country for the primary producers.

Slaughtering in January

While the year is still too young to see definite trends in livestock figures, it is evident that inspected slaughtering of hogs at least are keeping above last year. From January 1st to 24th this year the figure is 427,547 compared with 329,107 in the same period of 1947, an increase of 29.9 per cent. The total for 1947 was 4,458,160 compared with 4,253,511 for 1946. In the case of beef cattle the week ended January 24th showed an increase over the same week last year, but the figure from the first day of the year was 88,979 compared with 92,958 in the same period of 1947. For 1947 the number was 1,293,246 compared with 1,666,310 in 1946 representing a substantial decline.

Figures just issued on the canning of fruits and vegetables in 1947 show marked increases in the amount of fruit canned, with decreases in the amount of vegetables. There was an increase in the strawberry pack from 8,040 in 1946 to 93,222 cases in 1947. Raspberries were up 316 per cent, the production of jams, jellies and marmalades at 104,000,000 pounds was up 9 per cent. There was an improvement in the quality of the vegetables canned, but a decided drop in quantity. The canning of cherries, apricots, peaches and pears increased in quantity, but decreases were shown of 31 per cent in corn and peas, 17 per cent in tomatoes and 22 per cent in tomato juice.

Points of Interest to Farmers

During the week the Breed Association is holding its annual meeting at Toronto, and while there will be special discussions on cattle, sheep and hogs, the meetings will afford opportunities of representatives to discuss the whole agricultural situation.

Effective February 2nd, the maximum ceiling price not exceeding 9 cents a pound at retail for domestic and imported cabbages applies. The imposition of the ceiling follows the recent statement by Hon. Douglas Abbott, Minister of Finance, on the temporary removal of import controls on cabbages and consequent reimposition of controls.

A recent survey of the soil along the Mackenzie River by Dr. A. Leahey, of the Dominion Experimental Farms Service, indicates that the arable soils along the Mackenzie are divided into the river bottom soils and the soils of adjacent uplands. The river bottom soils are the more fertile and are the most important soils of the Mackenzie Valley. There are, however, areas on the uplands suitable for agriculture. North of latitude 62 there are permanent frozen subsoils from two to four feet below the surface. Because of the rather low rainfall of the region, the permanently frozen base makes soils more drought resistant, it is believed, but whether the frozen base is beneficial to gardening and farming is debatable, Dr. Leahey states.

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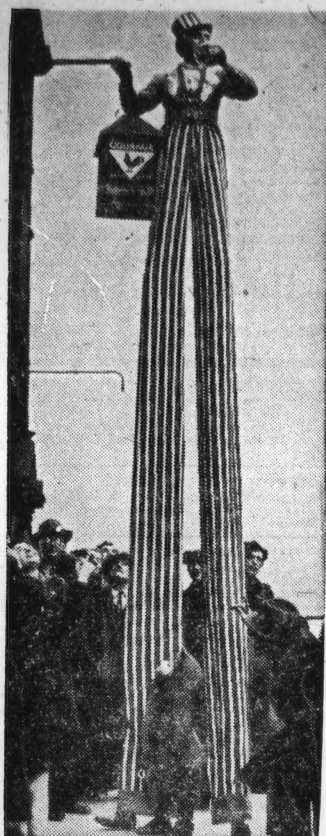
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Wheat Consumption in Latin-America Greatly Expanded

Wheat consumption in Latin America expanded greatly in the course of the war years. It is the chief food cereal, however, only in the three wheat exporting countries—Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. In the South American tropical belt and in Puerto Rico and Nicaragua, rice and manioc predominate. Wheat, though important, is secondary to

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During the past 10 years efforts have been made by most of the grain-importing countries of Latin America to achieve self-sufficiency in all cereals, both by expanding production and economizing in the use of wheat and rice through higher extraction rates and admixtures with other flours. Although the rice expansion program

has had a striking success, wheat production has only increased slowly while wheat imports have risen by more than 50 per cent.

As stated in the recently issued FAO Report on Wheat (Commodity Series, No. 1), in the period 1934-38 the Latin-American wheat deficit countries imported an average of 1,600,000 metric tons of wheat and flour (in terms of wheat) annually, two thirds of the total amount consumed. Argentina supplied 60 to 70 per cent of her neighbors' import requirements. About 20 to 30 per cent came from U.S.A., and the balance, chiefly in the Caribbean area, from

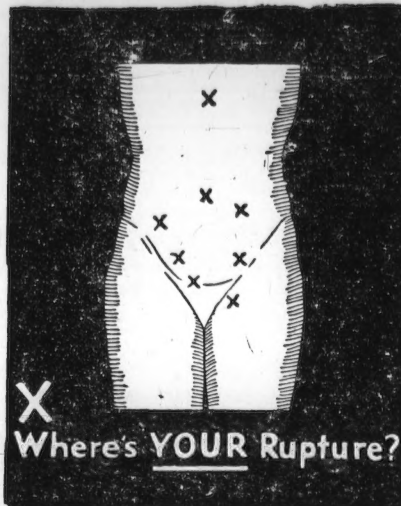
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Imports of wheat and flour rose to over 2,700,000 tons by 1945, a substantial increase of supplies from U.S.A. accounting in large part for the rise. Canadian exports also increased considerably, whereas the rise in supplies from Argentina was slower.

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